

## Contributions

### THE PASTOR, AND THE PUBLISHING HOUSE

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The Publishing House is the recognized organ of the church, and as such we regard it as indispensable, and say, All hail to the Publishing House. The power of the press is beyond human calculation. Thru the medium of the press we communicate to the world in general, to the vast audience whom we could not reach otherwise. Thru the power of the press as local organizations we keep in touch with the general Church and its work thereby maintain our oneness. Thru the Publishing House we are enabled to keep our selves informed as to the advancements and progress of the general Brotherhood. The Publishing House is the "head, heart," or fountain out from which flows living water that should serve as an incentive to higher aspirations to all who read its productions. Indeed it is indispensable to the success of the organization as no organization can be a success without a publishing house. Recognizing then its importance, how then is the publishing house to be perpetuated? Who is to maintain it? Shall we expect the poor Editor to assume and be responsible for its success and its existence? No, the Publishing House is the property of the Brethren church, and the Brethren church *must* see to it that the Publishing House is supported. Indeed we are thankful for a free press and any individual who has the cause of the Brethren church at heart, and has the ability can contribute to its very successful columns, and every minister of the Brethren church if he is loyal to the Church will contribute to its success, and a pastor serving a congregation who does not contribute to the columns of the church paper such news as is of interest to the church is unworthy of his position, and not only should the pastor assist in supplying the news, but *every* pastor should see that the church paper is taken by his parishioners. He is the one that should see and know the reason why the Evangelist is not in every family that has a Brethren representative. Bro. Gnagy has appealed time and again, to the pastors to canvas their charges in support of the Publishing House, and if the Brethren Church wishes its Publishing House to become a success, then there must be a rallying to its support. And this work can and ought to be done by the pastors of the local organizations, surely if any one should work for the success of the cause of the Brethren Church it should be the pastors. The Brethren Evangelist should be in the home of every family in the Brotherhood, and if it is not, then the pastor ought to know the reason why. If there are those who are not able to take it then there is a door open for mission work, let the Church send them the paper. It has been my experience, that those who take and read the Evangelist are the ones who are the most liberal in contributing to all calls for mission work. What the Publishing House needs to-

day is a more liberal patronage, a wider circulation of its literature, we do not hesitate to state that the quality of its literature is up to the average and far superior to some that we have used, and it is a duty that we pastors owe to our esteemed Editor Bro. Gnagey, that we prove our appreciation of his proficient labor by assisting him in his work and the assistance that he needs, and the assistance that we can give is a larger list of patrons to the Publishing House. If the pastors will see to this work which is a part of their pastoral work then there will be no need of the discussion of this subject or will there go out from the office that call for three thousand subscribers. If we want to manifest our appreciation of Bro. Gnagey's work, there is no way in which to do so as well as by liberal support of the office in the way of patronization. And if the pastors will do their duty towards the Publishing House, then and not until then will or can the Publishing House be what it should be. And now Brethren, Pastors, of the Brethren Churches, will you do your duty? Will you start with this conference year and make a complete canvas of your charges in support of the Brethren's only Publishing House? When we make this request, we are not only voicing the sentiment of the Editor, but voicing the sentiment of the Brethren Church, which says today in louder tones than ever before, Recognize the interest of Publishing House! Its power for good will be just as we make it, and now in order to widen its circulation, let every pastor contribute to its columns such news as is of interest to the general Church, and then impress his people with their duty towards supporting the Publishing House with their means. Let the interest of the Publishing House be presented at the regular quarterly business meetings, and let it become a part of the regular business, and let an agent (if necessary) be appointed to solicit and canvas every member in the local organization, and then make his reports at the next regular meeting. Let the pastor cooperate with the Sunday School superintendent, and have the School use the Brethren's Lesson helps. Let us not think that the success of this most powerful factor must rest alone with the manager and Editor.

### EVIDENCE OF INSPIRATION

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The famous Dr. John G. Paton, for over forty years past a missionary to the New Hebrides, or the South Sea Islands, in an address at the late Ecumenical Conference in New York, said: "If you want a new evidence for the inspiration and power of the Holy Book you have it in the mighty results of its teachings. Look at the heathen; they are tired of their idolatrous worship, superstitious and bloody rites. They desire something satisfactory and enduring, which can only be secured by receiving the Word of God." There is profound significance in the statement that the Bible gives evidence of its divine inspiration by the effects which

its teachings produce in the lives of men. This thought is not a new one, but it is so vital and convincing, and also so reasonable, that it ought to be kept prominent before all classes of people, especially the skeptically inclined.

One of the strongest arguments which Christ presented to the skeptical Jews in support of his divine character and mission was the results which issued from the exercise of his power. He told them that if they would not accept his word that he was the Son of God sent from heaven they certainly ought to regard his works as evidence of his claim. He maintained that he was the Christ of God, and the results of his power as seen in his works, correspond with his assertion. The Bible does not, in any definite words, claim to be the inspired Word of God, but the effects of its teachings are such as afford the very best evidence that it is divinely inspired. It does not merely inspire lofty thoughts in the minds of those who read it in simplicity of heart, but it so moves the hearts of sinful men as to cause them to realize their lost condition and to seek salvation thru the Christ whom it presents as their crucified Saviour.

As Dr. Paton well says of God's Word: "It moves the human heart as nothing else can." No other book, having no Bible truth in it, ever did cause a sinner to confess his guilt, to beg God for mercy and to commit himself to Christ for salvation. Remember, too, that any attempt on the part of professional theologians, to make people believe that some portions of the Bible are not divinely inspired is to lessen the influence of the Bible on them as an inspired authority, and, consequently, to keep them from being saved. The full force of the truth of inspiration should be brought to bear upon all hearts.

### REVIVALS

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Our attention is now called to a subject that is to a certain extent a familiar one, and yet there may be mysteries deep and profound connected with a full and intelligent consideration of this theme. As the subject appears upon our program, it is very indefinite. The word revival is used so as to intimate, and to declare. Hence it is defined a returning to, or a recovery to, or of a something that has at sometime, or at least one time existed; and has been waning, dying out, or fading away, little by little passing out of view. I will illustrate:

1. A person apparently drowned, is revived,—that is, brought again to that physical state of animation that had existed before that partial drowning had taken place.

2. Our bodies and spirits sometimes become languid and need to be and can be revived. This languor or depression in body and spirit may be the result of over exertion, or whatever exhausts or depresses the existing powers.

3. A revival of education, as to its importance, usefulness, display, or appearance